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But Extreme Tension Exists at St. Petersburg.

DISORDERS IN MOSCOW

MANY FOREIGNERS ARE SAID TO BE LEAVING RUSSIA.

No Collisions Reported Today - Wild Rumors in Circulation-Incendiary

Proclamations Distributed. While the city is quiet, there is still extreme tension in St. Petersburg; but from Moscow comes news that disorders have begun there, and the lull here may be only the precursor of another storm. Not a sin-

gle mill or factory has started up. This is

very significant, as indicating that the

workmen are being supplied with the

sinews of war. None has applied for pay at the factories, authough some have two weeks' pay coming to them. The crowds in the streets are sullen, and several thousand additional troops were brought in at daylight and housed in barracks. Machine gun batteries were also placed at several points for emergencies. The terror of the people has been somewhat relieved, but the dread of

the next few days continues. Many foreigners are leaving Russia. The foreign embassies are not manifesting alarm. They are expressing confidence that the government will be able to handle the situation, and that there is nothing now warranting apprehension for the lives or safety of their fellow-countrymen.

The authorities insist that the danger of the situation is exaggerated, continuing to scout the idea of a revolution and maintaining the ability of the government to meet all emergencies.

The traffic between St. Petersburg and Moscow and St. Petersburg and Warsaw is uninterrupted. The northern express arrived on schedule time.

During the afternoon came the news that workmen were going out at Kovno and

. Vilna, but particulars were lacking. Although the crowds on the Nevsky Pros-pect continued to increase during the after-pletely with the zemstvoists, whom they noon just as they did yesterday there have been no collisions up to this hour. Moreover during the day several of the smaller mills resumed work and the men at other mills assured their employers that they were anxious to return, but that the strikers threatened to kill them if they did so.

The wildest rumors are in circulation. A mob is reported to be marching on Tsarskoe Selo to see the emperor as the multitude marched to Versailles to ask King Louis XVI of France for bread in 1789, but the story is utterly without foundation.

In certain quarters where the woes of Russia are always laid to the door of Great Britain the feeling against the British has become intense, it being charged that the British are furnishing money to bring about

ST. PETERSBURG, January 24.-At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the city is quiet, but extreme tension exists. Disorders have begun in Moscow and the ranks of the strikers are constantly augumented. Ad-

ditional troops have been brought to the capital. Prof. Kareeff and Mme. Annensky and Peschechonoff, three well-known writers,

and Town Councillors Kedrin and Schnithikoff, who are also lawyers, were arrested during the night.

St. Petersburg wore a less martial aspect today. Everywhere troops have been drawn into court yards. Only pickets are left outside and small squads of Cossacks are patrolling the streets. The stores along the principal thoroughfares are mostly closed and barricaded. The correspondent of the Associated Press drove up the Nevsky prospect and with the help of daylight realized that the damage done to store fronts was more considerable than appeared last night. A large number of business premises were wrecked, the mob having devoted itself principally to confections and pastry cooks. Enormous crowds of strikers and many sightseers, encouraged by the mild weather, were promenading the sidewalks this morning and the street cars were again in operation. All has been quiet up to this

The correspondent of the Associated Press noticed several men distributing proclamations. The people formerly were shy of accepting such documents, now they are eagerly acepting them and have nicknamed them "lastothke" ("swallows"), an allusion to the spring which has become a synonym The correspondent secured a number of copies. They are all signed by "the Russion social democratic labor party." One proclamation, dated January party." (

### Proclamation's Demands.

"Comrades: Sc long as autocracy exists no improvement in our condition is possible. Therefore we continue to inscribe on our banners the following demands: "The immediate cessation of the war.

"The summoning of a constituent assembly of representatives of the people, elected by universal and equal suffrage and direct, secret ballot. The removal of class and race privileges

and restrictions.
"The inviolability of the person and domi-"Freedom of conscience, speech, the press,

meetings, strikes and political associa-A second proclamation, dated January 23,

says: "The proletariat of all countries are

"Cftizens, yesterday you witnessed the bestial cruelty of the autocratic government. You saw blood flowing in the streets. You saw hundreds slaughtered, defenders of the cause of labor. You saw the death and heard the groans of the wounded women and defenseless children. The blood and brains of workingmen were spattered around where their heads had been laid.

## "Who directed the soldiers to aid their rifles and fire bullets at the breasts of the laborers? Denominated Murderers.

"It was the emperor, the grand dukes, the ministers, the generals, the nobles of the court. They are the murderers. Slay

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and the arms at the depots and at the gunsmiths! Lay low the prison walls! Liberate the defenders of freedom! Demolish the police and gendarmerie stations and all the government and state buildings! "We must throw down the emperor and

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the government and must have our own

"Long live the revolution!
"Long live the constituent assembly of representatives of the people!"
A third proclamation appeals to the people not to attempt to injure private prop-

Gen, Prince Vasichchkoff, commander of the guards, has not yet announced the stringent rules usually accompanying a state of siege, such as forbidding persons to leave their houses after 10 p.m. without special passes, and the extinction of all lights in private houses after that hour. The authorities evidently are still confident that they have the situation well in hand.

Interest Centers in Czar. There is no confirmation of the report that the emperor, the empress and their

children are going to Copenhagen, or on the other hand that the emperor has decided to appoint a mixed commission of officials, employers and workingmen to consider the strikers' demands, notably the question of eight hours' work per day, and to make an investigation of the shooting of the strikers.

All sorts of rumors are circulating in both official circles and among the workingmen. A curious report spread among the men last night that the emperor had given in and that three white flags had been displayed over the winter palace, signifying that he had consented to reduce the maximum legal hours of work from eleven to eight. According to this legend the emperor would have displayed a red flag if he had decided to refuse the strikrequest. Many workingmen, deceived by this rumor, shouted "hurrah" in token of the victory, and this possibly was the reason that the strikers, believing they had already won the day, refrained from com-

Social Democrats Leading.

Father Gopon's popularity is unimpaired, but it is already evident that the social democrats are getting the upper hand, and that they are urging the people to violence. From a trustworthy source it is learned that Father Gopon sent a letter to the social democrats in the following terms:

"They have fired upon and massacred us, but we are not vanquished and the day of our triumph is nigh. Do not spoil our triumph by taking up arms and resorting to violence. Content yourselves with destroy-ing the portraits of him who no longer is

worthy to be our emperor."

The pacific admonition irritated the social democrats and does not meet with a response from the workingmen, who apparently are thirsting for vengeance and are clamoring for their leaders to distribute

### Revolutionists Active.

The revolutionists are also reported to be actively preparing bombs and infernal machines to wreck the post and telegraph offices and destroy other government property. The revolutionists talk wildly of issuing a manifesto declaring a provisional govtreat with contempt on account of what they call their "truckling" to autocracy. Even Prince Trubetzkei, who led the reformers of Moscow, is regarded by them with suspicion and even hatred because in an article published by the Pravo he decribed the revolutionists as a "Port Arthur inside of Russia" which Russia would have

to overthrow.

M .Hessen, editor of the Pravo, whose advanced liberal views are well known, has been arrested. The Workingmen's Club has been closed by order of the prefect of police.

### SPREADING AT MOSCOW.

Many Employes Have Quit Work to Join Strikers.

MOSCOW, January 24, 11:15 a.m.-The strike is spreading rapidly. All printing works have been stopped. No newspapers will be issued tomorrow.

Thus far there have been no collisions with the police.

Employes of the Bachrushin, Michailoff, Linder and Schraeder factories have joined in the strike.

Employes of the tanneries who are out on strike remain quiet. The police have ordered all arms to be removed from the windows of the gunsmiths, majority of whom have closed their shops.

The strikers here at noon today totaled 10,000. A body of strikers at noon today forced their way into the firm of Hooper & Co. and compelled 500 men to join the strike Simultaneously factories and other works were closed through the district adjoining Daniloff street.

### OTHER PLACES AFFECTED.

Employes Quit Factories and Railroad Shops-No Disorder.

KOVNO, Russia, January 24.-Work has been stopped at all the factories and rail-

VILNA, Russia, January 24.-A strike has

### CZAR IS DEJECETD.

Has Refused to Make Any Decision-Mirsky Despairs.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, January 24.-A cablegram from Paris says: A correspondent of the Petit Parisenalst at St. Petersburg says that the Russian imperial family is prey to terror and prostration. The czar is dejected and has refused to make any decision. Prince Mirsky is in despair. Indescribable bewilderment prevails among the various ministers of state.

### Poland Aroused.

A cablegram from Warsaw says: The massacre at St. Petersburg has aroused the whole land, for in spite of the official reticence and vigilance of the police the facts are becoming known throughout Russia. A meeting of laborers here declared for solidarity of laborers everywhere and demanded an immediate calling of parliament.

### NIGHT WAS QUIET.

Thousands of Workmen Stroll Streets Today-Official Report.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 24-11:10 a.m.-The night was quiet. There are no signs of undue excitement this morning. although thousands of workmen are strolling through the streets.

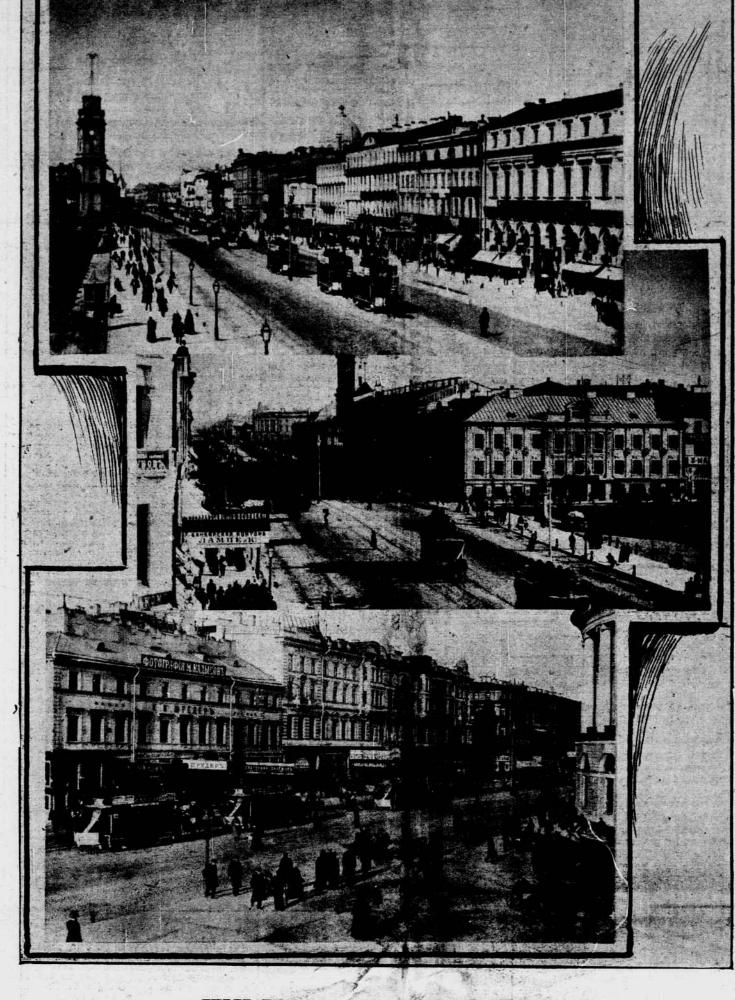
A number of government printers resumed work this morning.

#### Yesterday's Events. An official account of 'yesterday's events is as follows:

During Monday there were no collisions between the rioters and the troops. Detachments of soldiers had no need to use their arms, as the crowds dispersed

when the troops appeared. In the course of the day an attempt was made to attack Gostinny Dvor market, but it was repulsed. Workmen at the electric stations joined the strike in the evening. Then some groups, taking advantage of the darkness, began breaking windows in the shops, but order was everywhere quickly restored.

No persons were killed or wounded on "To arms, comrades! Seize the arsenals | Monday. The exact number killed on Sun- turbances in Russia



THREE VIEWS OF THE NEVSKY PROSPECT.

day was 96; wounded, 333, of whom 53 were treated at the ambulance stations.

### FEELING IS PANICKY.

Winter Palace District in Darkness-Authorities Confident.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 24, 6:17 p.m. -The lower section of the Nevsky Prospect, including the winter palace district and the quay where the embassies are located, is in darkness, and there has been a resumption of the panicky feeling of yesterday. Nevertheless, the authorities express increasing confidence that the backbone of the strike is broken and that all the prominent agitators and many extreme liberals have been arrested. Father Gopon has disappeared and is said to be in Moscow directing the strike there.

Strikers Without Arms.

For the moment the men here are without a plan of action, and are seemingly commencing to realize that without arms it is folly to resist the troops. If the strikers are paralyzed there is general fear that the revolutionists and terrorists who are coming to the front will begin a reign of bomb-throwing, and that the Political Exiles' Aswill make large contributions. There is no truth in the report circulating that strikers 30,000 strong are marching upon Kolpine, twenty miles from St. Peters-burg, for the purpose of seizing the small arms factory there.

### JAPANESE WATCHING.

Keen Interest Manifested at Tokyo

Over the Situation. TOKYO, January 24.-The Japanese are keenly watching the developments at St. Petersburg. The newspapers publishing extras with accounts of the riots are eagerly read. The people were shocked at the death roll, and there is a widespread feeling that the bureaucracy will be powerless to stem the tide of reform, and that the downfall of the bureaucratic system must end A member of a foreign legation said: "The

war is over unless the Russian people are crushed with an iron hand. It has brought about a crisis. A Japanese army is now fighting the battle of the Russian people."

### EXTREMISTS APPOINTED.

St. Petersburg Government Honors Men of Savage Repute.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, January 24.-A cablegram from St. Petersburg says: General Foulin, chief of police of St. Petersburg, has been appointed governor general of Warsaw as a reward for his suppression of last Sunday's riot. The notorious reactionist, General Trepoff, formerly chief of police of Moscow, has been appointed governor general of St. Petersburg.

General Frisch has been made chief of police of St. Petersburg. Generals Trepoff and Frisch both have reputations for extreme severity.

#### Ambassador McCormick's Dispatch. A belated dispatch from Ambassador Mc-

Cormick at St. Petersburg, dated yesterday, was received at the State Department today. The ambassador, according to the officials of the department, in his cablegram confines himself to a bald statement of fact relative to the rioting in St. Petersburg

# POLITICAL CAPITAL

Democrats Expect to Make It on Rate Situation.

BRYAN'S VISIT HERE

WAS TO AID HIS PARTY IN CON-GRESS.

Why the Davey Bill for Rate Regulation Was Indorsed by Last Night's Caucis

The democrats in congress expect to make some political capital out of the railway rate situation. Timy hope before the end of the session to be able to convict the republicans of bad faith. Mr. Bryan's visit to Washington is largely to aid his party in Congress in carrying out this program. Last night's caucus of the democrats of the House took the first step, which will be followed by others in keeping a very close tab on the republicans.

It will be observed that the caucus last night recommended the passage of the Davey bill for the regulation of rates. The reason this bill was indorsed is said to be that it is considered a measure which might possibly pass the Senate at this session, while the measure proposed by the republicans, it is admitted, cannot pass the

Bryan's White House Visit.

Mr. Bryan went to the White House and ordially indorsed the President in his efforts to secure railway rate legislation. This, of course, was an unusual procedure. Old politicians say there are no precedents for it. These old politicians go on to say that Mr. Bryan perhaps knew that the President's party in Congress would not follow him to the extent he desires to go. Word came to the republicans of the House some time ago that a moderate and reasonable railway rate bill could be passed through the Senate at this session. Siress was laid upon the fact that the bill must be mod-erate and reasonable. The bill which the erate and reasonable. The bill which the republicans of the House propose to send over to the Senate is a measure of nearly 3,000 words in length, containing twenty-two sections, providing for intricate, involved legal procedures. The bill has already been pronounced by senators to be cumbersome and impracticable, and nobody in the Senate believes it could be passed.

That is the situation in the republican That is the situation in the republican ranks. The President demands legislation, the Senate is willing to go slowly in the direction the President indicates, and the House presents an involved bill which the Senate gives notice beforehand it will not

The Davey Bill.

accept.

The bill indorsed by the democrats provides that the interstate commerce com-mission may, upon complaint made and after investigation, declare a given rate for Sunday and existing conditions. The text of the dispatch is withheld, but it is stated that Mr. McCormick conveys no news in addition to the press dispatches, does not give a list of casualities nor does he express any opinion as to the outcome of the disturbances in Russia.

The President today sent to the Senate the following nomination as register of the follow

wenty days. The commission shall in no case have power to raise a rate filed and published by a carrier. Whenever the commission has declared

a rate to be fair and just and litigation shall ensue the rate shall continue until the decision of the commission shall be held question involved by the United States court having proper jurisdiction, but no proceeding by any court taking jurisdiction shall consider any testimony except

such as is contained in the record That is all there is to the Davey bill, Republicans in the Senate say that if the democrats of the House think that bill could get through the Senate they are the senatorial idea by any means of a moderate bill. No one in the Senate thus far has declared what the senatorial idea of railway rate regulation is, but the best judgment of those who keep in touch with the situation is that an investigation of the whole subject by a committee during the recess of Congress would best suit a majority of the republicans of the Senate

### DOMINICAN SITUATION.

Acting Secretary Loomis Has a Conference This Morning.

Mr. Loomis, acting secretary of state, had an early conference this morning with Capt. Pillsbury, assistant chief of the bureau of navigation, regarding the Dominican situation. Through the Navy Department Mr. Loomis received a cablegram from Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee commander-in-chief of the Caribbea squadron, the contents of which were later communicated to the President. Admiral Sigsbee reported that upon his arrival at Santo Domingo city on the Newark he found the situation to be one of perfect

While this conference was in progress at the State Department, Rear Admiral Converse, chief of the bureau of navigation, was presenting to the general naval board at a special meeting the entire Dominican situation. It is expected that the navy will play an important part in the solution of the Dominican problem and the general board is giving the subject careful consideration to be prepared for any emergency. It is probable that later on a ship of the Tacoma class, with a full guard of marines, will be ordered to Santo Domingo city to remain there and leave Admiral Sigsbe free to cruise around generally through Dominican waters. Later on it is expected the Newport will go to Dominican waters and make a visit to Samina bay, one of the most desirable harbors in the West Indies. The torpedo boat destroyer Stewart arrived at Santo Domingo city yesterday on her way to Culebra. She probably carried dispatches from the Navy Department to Admiral Sigsbee

### Personal Mention.

Mr. Burton Smith of Atlanta, a prominen ittorney, is registered at the Raleigh. Morris K. Jesup of New York arrived in the city last night, and is stopping at the Arlington. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Gilman of Balti-

more are in Washington, and registered at Former Attorney General Richard Olney of Boston, Mass., arrived here yesterday, and has apartments at the Shoreham.

David R. Francis, president of the St.

Louis exposition, is stopping at the Wil-

lard.
Mr. J. D. H. Gauss of Salem, Mass., a brother of Mr. Gaus, confidential clerk to the Secretary of the Navy, is on a visit to this city, and is stopping at the Ebbitt

served on the same vessel in the United States service.

### JAPANESE ACTIVITY.

Several Engagements in Manchuria Reported-Russian Casualties.

TOKYO, January 24.-The Japanese headquarters at Sienchang, Manchuria, reports that a Japanese force dislodged about one company of Russian cavalry northwest of Weistzuku on Monday, occupying the position, and captured some horses and arms. Another Japanese detachment routed a force of Russians in the neighborhood of Chancheng, inflicting over twenty casual-ties. The Japanese also captured five offi-cers and men with their horses and arms.

### THE FOREIGN MARKETS.

Prices Rallied From Reasuring Paris | Plea for an Increase in the Pay of

Advices-Helpful Influence. LONDON, January 24.-Trading on the stock exchange opened steady today with prices rallying in several instances. Consols were fractionally higher and buyers were again in eviderce. There was no disposition to sacrifice securities, and the markets gradually improved on buying orders from Paris, indicating confidence there. This helped the London markets.

Americans had a better tone in antici-

pation of a recovery in New York.

Japanese were strong.

#### GERMAN COAL MINERS' STRIKE. Remarkable Quiet Throughout Mining Districts-Factories Close.

COLOGNE, Prussia, January 24.-The calm attitude of the strikers is regarded as being most remarkable by the police authorities throughout the coal mine district. Although detachments of police from other parts of Germany continue to arrive, they have so far been unnecessary. This is pay day at part of the mines.

GLADBACH, Prussia, January 24.-Three large factories here have notified most of their workmen that they intend to close down on account of the scarcity of coal. HANOVER, Prussia, January 24.-The Misburg cement works here have closed for want of coal.

ESSEN, Prussia, January 24.—The electric railroads still have coal enough for a

Held Under Indictment for Texas-

### MRS. DUKE ARRESTED.

False Statements Alleged. NEW YORK, January 24.-Mrs. Alice Webb-Duke, wife of Brodie L. Duke, was arrested at an office in Broad street, this city, today on requisition papers issued by the Texas authorities. Mrs. Duke had been indicted by the grand jury at Nacogdoches, Tex., on the charge that she and Charles L. Taylor of Chicago had made false statements in an instrument, on the strength

of which a stockholder in one of the na-

tional banks in that place was induced to indorse their notes for \$20,000. Mrs. Duke was arrested as she was alighting from a cab to enter an office in Broad street. The warrant was served by a detective from the district attorney's office. When Mrs. Duke was notified that she was under arrest she became hysterical and screamed and wept. She declared: "I'm wrong." She insisted upon making a call in the building, as she had intended, but the detective would not permit it and took her to the district attorney's office in a cab. She sat weeping in that office until her counsel

The procedure will be to arraign her in court and hold her to await the arrival of requisition papers from Texas. Mrs. Duke for several weeks has been one of the central figures in a sensational case growing out of her recent marriage to Brodie L. Duke of Durham, N. C. proceedings which resulted in Mrs. Duke's arrest today are entirely distinct from her matrimonial difficulties.

# KERENS GAINS VOTES.

Result of Balloting for Senator in

Missouri Today. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., January 24.-In oint session today Thomas K. Niedringhaus, the republican caucus nominee for United States senator, lost three votes. which Kerens gained. The ballot stood: Niedringhaus, 78; Cockrell, 81; Kerens, 12; Goodrich, 1.

The complete roster showed 174 members present, so that to votes were necessary

### BOTH HOUSES FOR LA FOLLETTE. Wisconsin Legislature Voted Separate-

ly for Him for Senator Today. MADISON, Wis., January 24.-Both houses of the Wisconsin legislature at noon today voted separately for United States senator, Governor La Follette being named.

### THE MILWAUKEE SUICIDE.

Missing Man Believed to Have Been an Embezzler. CHICAGO, January 24.-Arthur M. Milli-

gan, who disappeared from Boston September 10 and has been charged with embezzlement, is believed by the police here to be the man who under the name of E. S. Terry apparently entered into a suicide pact at a hotel with Miss Florence Groves of this city following an elopement to Milwaukee. Terry had a room at the home of Miss Grove's mother here. He boasted that he was rich and did not work. Relatives of the young woman believe she was murdered. Her dead body found in the Milwaukee hotel has been fully identied. There is no trace of Terry or Milli-gan, who is believed to have balked at the idea of suicide.

### GRANTING BREVETS.

Substitute Report by House Military Affairs Committee.

The House committee on military affairs today authorized a favorable report on a substitute for the Senate bill repealing the law which prohibits the President from granting brevets except in time of war. The substitute permits the President to grant brevets for one year from the approval of the act to participants in the Spanish war, the Philippine insur-rection and the Chinese expedition. It does not repeal the present law.

### Data on Marriage and Divorce.

Representative Crumpacker (Ind.) introduced a resolution today directing the census bureau to collect and compile, in connection with the gathering of other statistics, data on the subject of marriage and divorce.

A store that advertises secures the means with which to buy latest styles and best goods. Thus merit and advertising are twin sisters.

# THE DISTRICT BUDGET

Appropriation Bill Still Under Consideration.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

CRITICISED BY REPRESENTATIVE FOSTER OF VERMONT.

Teachers All Along the

Line.

Consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill was resumed in the House in committee of the whole today, with Mr. Mann of Illinois in the chair.

Mr. Davis of Minnesota raised a point of order against the item for completing the opening of 14th street from Lydecker avenue to Piney Branch road. Mr. Davis said that authority for this appropriation had been "smuggled" into law in the first place. Mr. Davis said there was apparently no reason why untold sums of money might not be expended under this original authority, which authority, he thought, was doubtful. Mr. Babcock said that the proposition was once before the District commit-

tee and had been rejected. Mr. McCleary protested against the term "smuggled," and said that the authority had been put in the bill by the Senate under the rules. Therefore Mr. Davis withdrew the word "smuggled," but added that he would like to be informed of a substitute word to describe the proceed-

Mr. Davis' point of order was overruled and the Item remained in the bil

Anacostia Bridge Item Stricken Off. Mr. Davis then directed a point of order against the item for the reconstruction of the Anacostia bridge. Mr. McCleary, made a strong appeal for the retention of the item, saying that the bridge was in a very dangerous condition. Mr. Davis, however, insisted on his point of order

and the item was stricken off. Representative Cowherd of Missouri, a member of the House District of Colum-bia committee, raised a point of order against that section of the bill providing that the Commissioners may purchase. erect and maintain posts, lanterns, and fitures for street designation purposes in addition to those mentioned in the bill. He claimed that this was in effect new legislation, but Mr. McCleary explained mat-ters to Mr. Cowherd's satisfaction, and the point of order was withdrawn. Representative Burton Harrison of New

York had a few words to say in connection with the appropriation for the care and maintenance of Rock Creek Park. He said he did not object to the appropriation, but he wanted to go on record as saying that the park was cared for very inefficiently. Ice and snow remained in dangerous places on the roads of the park long after it had disappeared from other roads in the vicinity, and one time last winter his family while out driving in the park had had a the wife of Brodie L. Duke. His family are narrow escape from a possibly fatal accitrying to hurt me. I have done nothing dent, the horses having slipped as they were passing these dangerous ice-covered spots and the carriage had gone over the banks, the occupants escaping only through their agility in jumping. He interjected these remarks into the serious consideration of the bill in order that the sentiments of one of the minority members of the House may percolate into the halo of divinity worn by

the gentlemen in charge of the park The Public Schools.

When the item providing for the maintenance of the public schools of Washington was read Representative Foster of Vermont secured the permission of the chair to continue his remarks on this subject beyond the five-minute limit.

"I want to plead the cause of the boys and girls of Washington," said Mr. Foster. "I want to plead the cause of the public schools of the District of Columbia. It goes without saying that the public school system is the very keystone of our republican institutions, and yet, although this is true, it is a fact that only in the last generation have we had an efficient school system, in former years the instruction of the child being left entirely to the parents." At the present time, Mr. Foster said, the various states of the Union vie with one another in maintaining their public school systems up to the very highest standard of excellence, and he thought that the federal government, when it was responsible for an educational system, as it is in the case

of the District of Columbia, should maintain it in the most ideal manner.

The federal government in dealing with the school system of the District of Columbia should give the states an object lesson in the inauguration and management of a perfect school system.

Mr. Foster then took up the question of the salaries of school teachers. The profession of the school teacher is a most exacting one, he said, requiring careful preparation, industry, patience and continuous work from year to year.

work from year to year.

Not an Ideal System Here. "We, as representatives of the people, have fallen far short of our duty in maintaining an Ideal school system In the District of Columbia," he said. "We treat the public schools and the public school teachers just as in years gone by we treated the poorly paid and overworked clerks in some of the

departments of the government."

Mr. Foster thought that instead of doling out money in the way it does at present for the payment of specific salaries to specific positions the management of the school system should be in the hands of the board of education and the compensation of teachers be arranged on a merit basis. At present, he said, the principals of the high schools of Washington receive of the high schools of Washington receive \$1,800, and they might remain in their present positions for forty years and for have another dollar added to their annual compensation. In the states, he said, the law levies a tax that does not become a part of the regular treasury fund, but is set aside for the purposes of education alone. In discussing model system or systems that were at least vastly better than that of Washington, Mr. Foster mentioned that

in Detroit the principal of a high school reother teachers are paid \$700 the first year, \$750 the second year, \$800 the third year, \$850 the fourth year, \$900 the fifth year, \$950 the sixth year, \$1,000 the seventh

year and \$1,200 the tenth year.

In Providence, R. I., the principal of a high school receives \$2,500. His assistant is paid \$1,600 the first year, \$1,700 the second year and \$1,800 the third year. same system of service promotion also ob-tains in the regular graded schools in that

New York Has a Better. Mr. Foster said that people were wont

to speak of New York as "Tammany ridden" and to infer from that that educational matters were not considered in the first rank of municipal necessities. But as a matter of fact he considered that New York had a very fine school system, immeasurably better than that of the District of Columbia, where the federal government ran things.

In New York the principals of schools are naid \$5.000 a year; first assistant principals.